

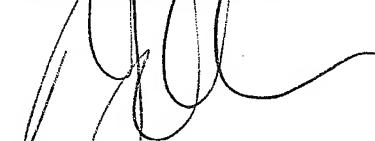
## REMARKS

Applicants submit the present Rule 312 Amendment to cancel Claims 23-24, 27-29, and 31. No new matter has been added.

Applicants have canceled Claims 23-24, 27-29, and 31 from further consideration in this application. Applicants are not conceding in this application that those claims are not patentable over the art cited by the Examiner. Applicants respectfully reserve the right to pursue these and other claims in one or more continuations and/or divisional patent applications.

No extension of time for this response is believed to be necessary. However, in the event an extension of time is required, that extension of time is hereby requested. Please charge any fee associated with an extension of time as well as any other fee necessary to further the prosecution of this application to **IBM CORPORATION DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 09-0447**.

Respectfully submitted,



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